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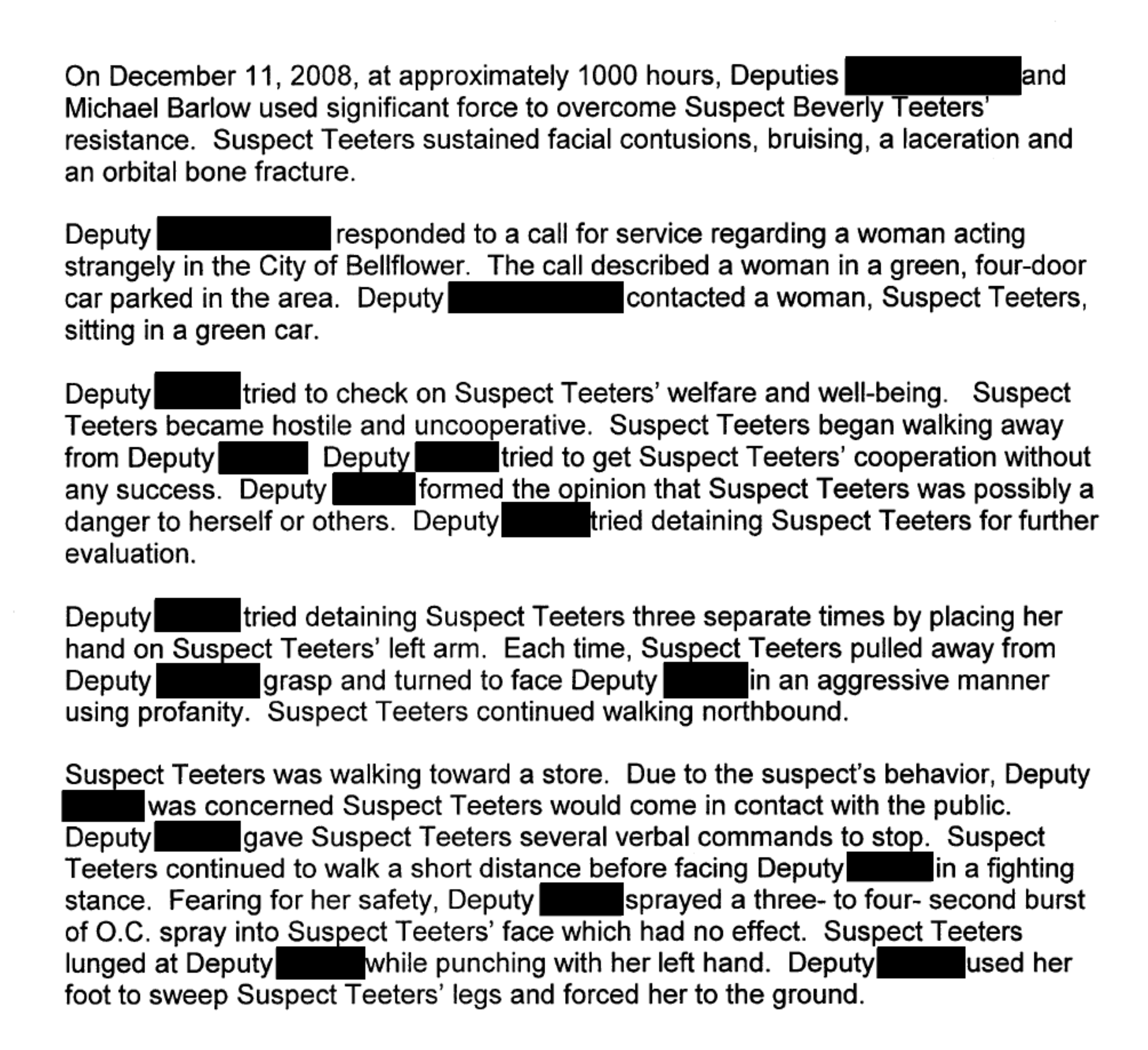
DATE: June 9, 2009

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO. FO2233864

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**
DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]
DEPUTY MICHAEL BARLOW #478582
LAKEWOOD STATION



On December 11, 2008, at approximately 1000 hours, Deputies [redacted] and Michael Barlow used significant force to overcome Suspect Beverly Teeters' resistance. Suspect Teeters sustained facial contusions, bruising, a laceration and an orbital bone fracture.

Deputy [redacted] responded to a call for service regarding a woman acting strangely in the City of Bellflower. The call described a woman in a green, four-door car parked in the area. Deputy [redacted] contacted a woman, Suspect Teeters, sitting in a green car.

Deputy [redacted] tried to check on Suspect Teeters' welfare and well-being. Suspect Teeters became hostile and uncooperative. Suspect Teeters began walking away from Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] tried to get Suspect Teeters' cooperation without any success. Deputy [redacted] formed the opinion that Suspect Teeters was possibly a danger to herself or others. Deputy [redacted] tried detaining Suspect Teeters for further evaluation.

Deputy [redacted] tried detaining Suspect Teeters three separate times by placing her hand on Suspect Teeters' left arm. Each time, Suspect Teeters pulled away from Deputy [redacted] grasp and turned to face Deputy [redacted] in an aggressive manner using profanity. Suspect Teeters continued walking northbound.

Suspect Teeters was walking toward a store. Due to the suspect's behavior, Deputy [redacted] was concerned Suspect Teeters would come in contact with the public. Deputy [redacted] gave Suspect Teeters several verbal commands to stop. Suspect Teeters continued to walk a short distance before facing Deputy [redacted] in a fighting stance. Fearing for her safety, Deputy [redacted] sprayed a three- to four- second burst of O.C. spray into Suspect Teeters' face which had no effect. Suspect Teeters lunged at Deputy [redacted] while punching with her left hand. Deputy [redacted] used her foot to sweep Suspect Teeters' legs and forced her to the ground.

Deputy Barlow arrived and saw Suspect Teeters reach for Deputy [redacted] gun belt area while Suspect Teeters was fighting Deputy [redacted] Deputy Barlow struck Suspect Teeters with his fist on the left side of the face three to four times. Deputy Barlow then struck Suspect Teeters with his fist in the torso area three to four times which caused Suspect Teeters to roll onto her stomach and stop fighting. Suspect Teeters was handcuffed by Deputies Landeros and Salazar without any further resistance.

Suspect Teeters was medically treated at Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center for facial contusions, bruising, a laceration and an orbital bone fracture.

On May 28, 2009, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy [redacted] # [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Michael Barlow # [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

EBS:YLW/ylw

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 508-31218-1334-058	Date: 12/11/08 — Time: 1030
Location: Ardmore Avenue/Maple St.	City or Station: Bellflower
Bureau/Station/Facility: Lakewood Station	Admin. Investigation: YES [X] NO [ ]
Type of Force: Significant Force / Take Down, Personal Weapons/ Visible Injuries (Hospitalized)	
Deputy Injury: YES [X] NO [ ]	Suspect Injury YES [X] NO [ ]
[X] Call [ ] Observation [ ] Detail	[ ] Foot Pursuit [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: YES [X] NO [ ] Person Notified: A/Lt. Sgt. Trent Denison Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out: YES [ ] NO [X]

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
[ ] Male [X] Female	Wht	Lakewood Station	Patrol/133D

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
[ ] EM [X] Day [ ] PM	[X] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty	[redacted]	5'09"	125 lbs

	Coroner Case #	
[X] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Hospital:		Directed Force [ ] Significant Force [X]

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Barlow	Michael	A.

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
[X] Male [ ] Female	Blk	Lakewood Station	Patrol/133

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
[ ] EM [X] Day [ ] PM	[X] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty	[redacted]	5'10"	180 lbs

	Coroner Case #	
[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Hospital:		Directed Force [ ] Significant Force [X]

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
[ ] Male [ ] Female			

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
[ ] EM [ ] Day [ ] PM	[ ] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty			

	Coroner Case #	
[ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted Hospital:		Directed Force [ ] Significant Force [ ]

[ ] Additional Involved Employees

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Paul	Stephen	M.	Sgt	YES [ ] NO [X]	YES [ ] NO [X]
					YES [ ] NO [ ]	YES [ ] NO [ ]

Watch Sergeant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Barnett	Joel	L.

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Benjestorf	Terry	W.

Watch Commander (**Print Name**) — Watch Commander's **Signature**: — Emp #: — Date

Eric Strong, Sergeant — [redacted]

Supervisor Completing Form: (**Print Name**) — Emp #: — Copy Provided to Employee by: — Emp #:

Unit Commander (**Print Name**) — Unit Commander's **Signature**: — Emp #: — Date

DISCOVERY Use Only

FO# 223864

Hybrid Form SH-R-438P (Rev. 11/07)

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
SUSPECT INFORMATION
508-31218-1334-058

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	Teeters	First Name	Beverly	Middle Name	Jean
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	

Sex: ☐ Male ☒ Female | Race: Wht | Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Work Phone: [redacted] | Home Phone: [redacted] | Age: 68 | Height: 5'8" | D.O.B. 09/28/40 | Weight: 183 | Armed? ☐

Booking #: 1726612 | Primary Charge Code: 69 P.C. | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History [redacted]

EMT in attendance? ☒ YES ☐ NO Name: L.A. County Fire | Unit: #94 | Phone #: (310) 860-8014

Hospital Admission? ☒ | Rec'd Treatment At: Kaiser Hospital Bellflower | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐

By Doctor: Jane E. Kim | Address: Bellflower | Phone #: (562) 461-3333

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☒ NO | Substance: | Mental Illness ☒

Suspect Interview

Date: 12/11/08 | Time: 1030 | Audiotape: ☐ | Videotape: ☒ | Photos of Injuries: ☒

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? ☐

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History ☐

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☐ NO Name: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐

By Doctor: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO | Substance: | Mental Illness: ☐

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | Audiotape: ☐ | Videotape: ☐ | Photos of Injuries: ☐

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? ☐

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History ☐

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☐ NO Name: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐

By Doctor: | Address: | Phone #:

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Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | Audiotape: ☐ | Videotape: ☐ | Photos of Injuries: ☐

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Landeros	Cesar	-
[redacted]	Salazar	Yvette	C.

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

☐ Additional Witness

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Teeters, Beverly	S#1	[redacted]	E#1	PH	AB	LE
[redacted]	E#1	Teeters, Beverly	S#1	OC,PS,PH	BR, FR, LC	FA, HE
Barlow, Michael	E#1	Teeters, Beverly	S#1	PH	BR, FR, LC	FA, HE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
SIGNIFICANT USE OF FORCE

UNIT: **LAKEWOOD** Station
DATE: Wednesday, December 11, 2008
TIME: 1021 hours
LOCATION: [redacted] Ardmore Avenue, Bellflower
URN#: 508-31218-1334-058
IAB#: FO #2233864

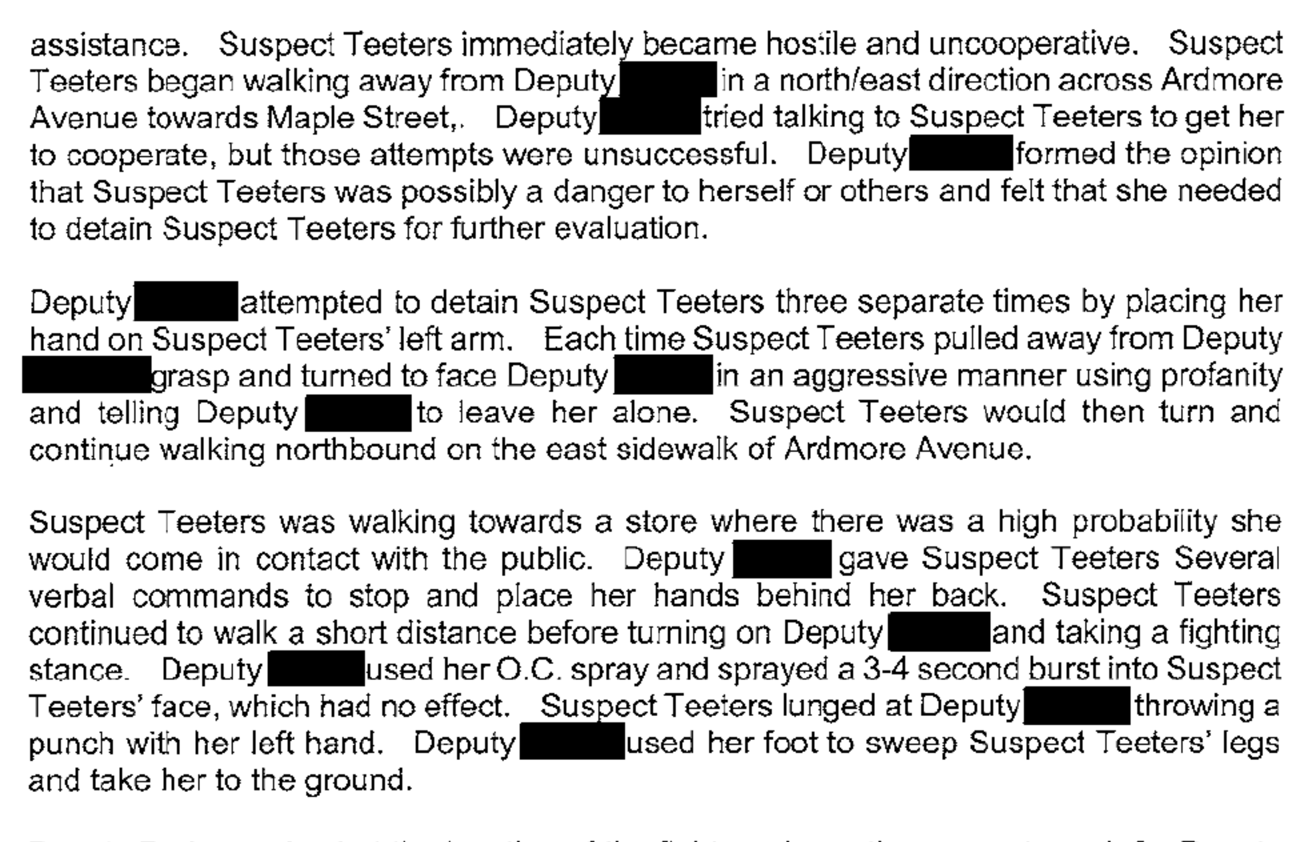
On December 12, 2008, the Internal Affairs Bureau Force and Shooting Response Team responded to Lakewood Station's area regarding a facial fracture resulting from a significant use of force. The team consisted of Sergeant Eric Strong and Sergeant Ben Garcia. The incident occurred on December 11, 2008 at approximately 1000 hours. The seriousness of the injury was unknown until medical diagnosis, later in the night at approximately 2200 hours. On December 12th, the team responded to the Bellflower Service Center and made contact with Sergeant Steven Paul, who gave the IAB investigators copies of all reports, video recordings and photographs.

At the time IAB investigators arrived, the suspect was hospitalized at Kaiser Hospital in Bellflower. IAB investigators learned that Deputies Barlow and [redacted] were involved in the incident. All involved personnel were working uniformed patrol in the Lakewood Station area.

This investigation is based on statements by the involved deputies, witness deputies at the scene, information obtained during the investigation and various written documentation. There was a video recording of a portion of the contact.

SYNOPSIS:
On December 11, 2008 Lakewood Station received a call for service regarding a woman acting strangely in the 17000 block of Ardmore Avenue, south of Maple Street. Information in the call stated that there was a woman in a green, 4 door car parked in the area. Deputy [redacted] responded to the call and located a woman sitting in a green car parked along the west curb-line facing southbound. Deputy [redacted] stopped and made contact **Suspect Beverly Teeters.**

Deputy [redacted] attempted to ascertain if Suspect Teeters was okay or needed any



assistance. Suspect Teeters immediately became hostile and uncooperative. Suspect Teeters began walking away from Deputy [redacted] in a north/east direction across Ardmore Avenue towards Maple Street,. Deputy [redacted] tried talking to Suspect Teeters to get her to cooperate, but those attempts were unsuccessful. Deputy [redacted] formed the opinion that Suspect Teeters was possibly a danger to herself or others and felt that she needed to detain Suspect Teeters for further evaluation.

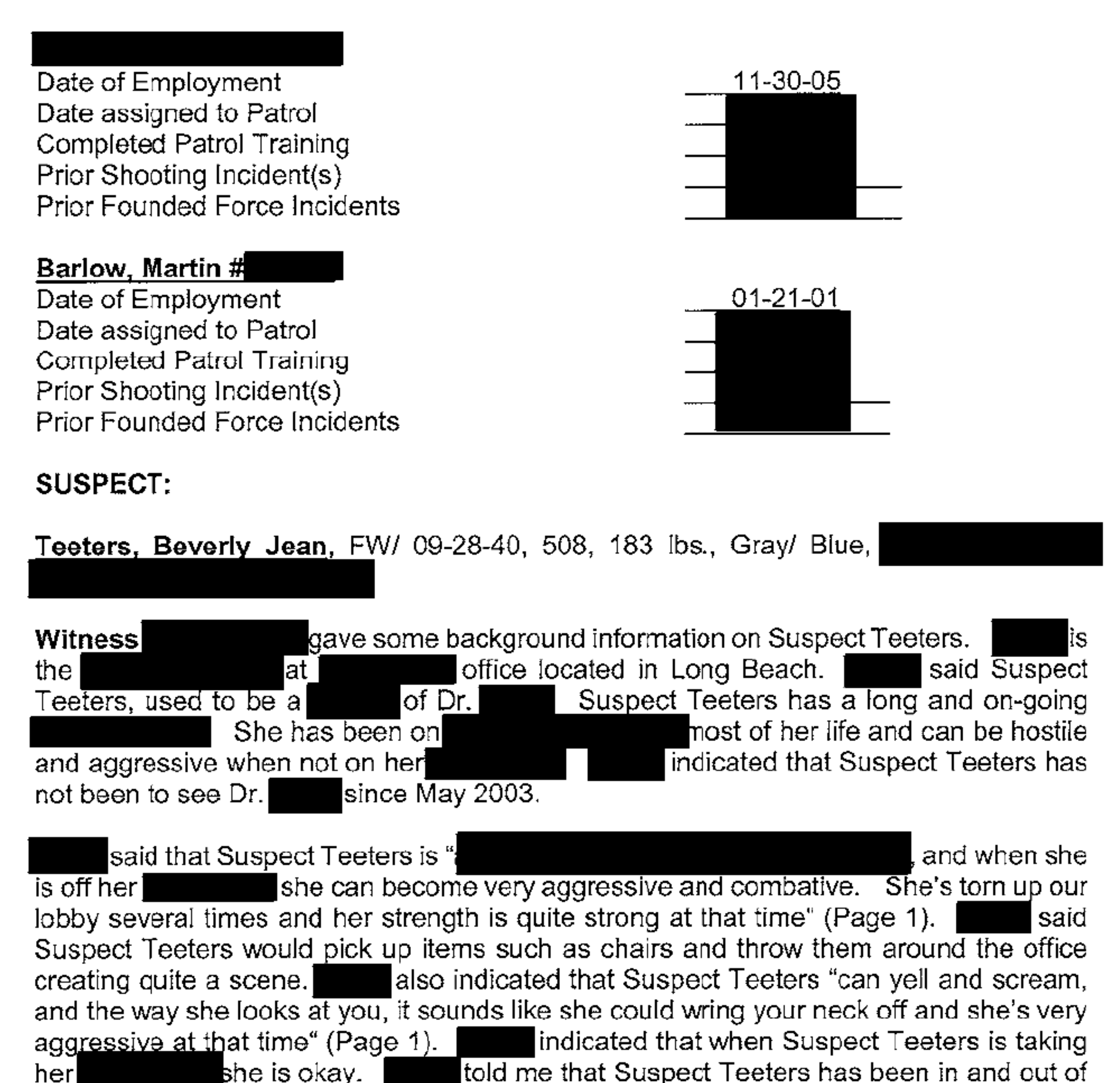
Deputy [redacted] attempted to detain Suspect Teeters three separate times by placing her hand on Suspect Teeters' left arm. Each time Suspect Teeters pulled away from Deputy [redacted] grasp and turned to face Deputy [redacted] in an aggressive manner using profanity and telling Deputy [redacted] to leave her alone. Suspect Teeters would then turn and continue walking northbound on the east sidewalk of Ardmore Avenue.

Suspect Teeters was walking towards a store where there was a high probability she would come in contact with the public. Deputy [redacted] gave Suspect Teeters Several verbal commands to stop and place her hands behind her back. Suspect Teeters continued to walk a short distance before turning on Deputy [redacted] and taking a fighting stance. Deputy [redacted] used her O.C. spray and sprayed a 3-4 second burst into Suspect Teeters' face, which had no effect. Suspect Teeters lunged at Deputy [redacted] throwing a punch with her left hand. Deputy [redacted] used her foot to sweep Suspect Teeters' legs and take her to the ground.

Deputy Barlow arrived at the location of the fight, and saw the suspect reach for Deputy [redacted] gun-belt area, Deputy Barlow struck the suspect with his fist on the left side of the face 3-4 times. Deputy Barlow then struck, with his fist, Suspect Teeters in the torso area, 3-4 times, which caused Suspect Teeters to roll onto her stomach and stop fighting. Suspect Teeters was handcuffed, without any further resistance, by Deputies Landeros and Salazar, who had arrived at the scene.

Paramedics arrived at the location and began treating Suspect Teeters for her injuries.

IAB NOTE: Los Angeles County Fire Department Captain Richard Amador of Fire Station #94 and he said he remembers that Suspect Teeters was belligerent. Under LA County Case #08-278275 the paramedics notes stated: "Under treatment patient refused IV and D-stick, very combative and agitated." The case notes were on his computer, and the actual files were sent to records for archiving.



INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

[redacted]

Date of Employment	11-30-05
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	
Prior Founded Force Incidents	

Barlow, Martin #[redacted]

Date of Employment	01-21-01
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	
Prior Founded Force Incidents	

SUSPECT:

Teeters, Beverly Jean, FW/ 09-28-40, 508, 183 lbs., Gray/ Blue, [redacted]

Witness [redacted] gave some background information on Suspect Teeters. [redacted] is the [redacted] at [redacted] office located in Long Beach. [redacted] said Suspect Teeters, used to be a [redacted] of Dr. [redacted] Suspect Teeters has a long and on-going [redacted] She has been on [redacted] most of her life and can be hostile and aggressive when not on her [redacted] indicated that Suspect Teeters has not been to see Dr. [redacted] since May 2003.

[redacted] said that Suspect Teeters is "[redacted], and when she is off her [redacted] she can become very aggressive and combative. She's torn up our lobby several times and her strength is quite strong at that time" (Page 1). [redacted] said Suspect Teeters would pick up items such as chairs and throw them around the office creating quite a scene. [redacted] also indicated that Suspect Teeters "can yell and scream, and the way she looks at you, it sounds like she could wring your neck off and she's very aggressive at that time" (Page 1). [redacted] indicated that when Suspect Teeters is taking her [redacted] she is okay. [redacted] told me that Suspect Teeters has been in and out of [redacted] said that Suspect Teeters has been homeless off and on and had a green car that she lived out of and slept in. [redacted] stated that Suspect Teeters would also have conversations with invisible people.

SWORN WITNESSES:

Deputy **Cesar Landeros, #**[redacted]
Field Operations Region III
Lakewood Station

Deputy **Yvette Salazar**, #[redacted]
Field Operations Region III
Lakewood Station

CIVILIAN WITNESSES:
A canvass of the area was conducted by deputy personnel for witnesses to the use of force. No civilian witnesses were located at the scene.

INJURIES
Suspect Teeters was transported by ambulance to Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Bellflower, where she was treated by medical staff for facial contusions, bruising, a laceration and orbital bone fracture.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
Photographs that depict blood on the concrete driveway and the area of the incident (Exhibit B). Photographs of Suspect Teeters (Exhibit C). Surveillance camera footage from the house located at [redacted] (Exhibit D). Radio traffic of the incident (Exhibit E). Video-taped interviews of the suspect by Sgt. Trani and Lt. Robert Wheat.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS
At the time of the incident, the severity of Suspect Teeters' injuries were unknown. Lakewood Station personnel did not know the full extent of the suspect's injuries until several hours after the incident when they were informed by medical personnel that she had a fractured bone. Therefore, the Force and Shooting Response Team's arrival was approximately 24 hours after the incident occurred. There were no investigator's observations of the scene.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL
O.C. Spray/Personal Weapons-Hands/Feet

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT
Personal Weapons/Hands

PROPERTY DAMAGE
None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED
Investigator: Detective Theo Gekas
Charges Filed: 69 PC. The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office did not file charges on Suspect Teeters. Deputy District Attorney Kevin Young cited a "lack of sufficient evidence" (Exhibit G).

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The lighting was daylight and the weather sunny (Approximately 1020 hours).

SCENE DESCRIPTION

The location is a residential neighborhood with single family residences. The incident occurred on the concrete driveway of a single family home with the address of [redacted] Ardmore Avenue, Bellflower. (Exhibit A).

INVOLVED DEPUTY AND WITNESS DEPUTY STATEMENTS:

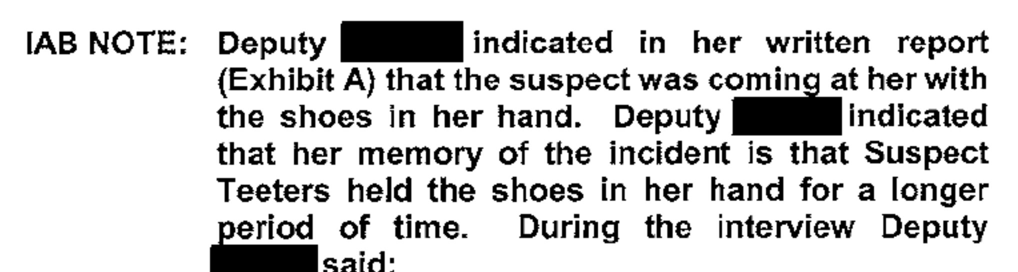
Deputy [redacted] was interviewed on 12/23/08, at the Internal Affairs Bureau office regarding the use of force, which took place on December 11, 2008. The following constitutes a summary of the interview. Deputy [redacted] verbatim interview is included in this investigation.

Deputy [redacted] said she received a radio call via her MDT to check the welfare of a possible homeless or 5150 (Mentally ill) woman. Deputy [redacted] was in a black and white marked patrol car and was wearing a Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform. Deputy [redacted] responded northbound on Ardmore and saw the described vehicle and woman parked along the west curb-line of Ardmore Avenue facing south. Deputy [redacted] stopped her radio car just north of the suspect vehicle.

Deputy [redacted] said as she pulled up Suspect Teeters exited her vehicle and locked the doors. This action caught Deputy [redacted] off-guard, because she was not expecting Suspect Teeters to get out and disassociate herself from her car. Deputy [redacted] exited her patrol car and made contact with Suspect Teeters, next to the front, driver's side door of Suspect Teeters' vehicle. Deputy [redacted] attempted to ascertain if Suspect Teeters was okay or if she need any help. Deputy [redacted] saw a strange and angry look in Suspect Teeters' face and Suspect Teeters immediately became hostile. Deputy [redacted] said she immediately sensed something was wrong, so she took a few steps back from the suspect and requested two units back-up (Exhibit E).

Deputy [redacted] said that suspect Teeters began walking briskly in a northeastern direction. Deputy [redacted] followed Suspect Teeters and told Suspect Teeters that she was there to help. Suspect Teeters continued to be hostile by using profanity and calling her names. Deputy [redacted] followed Suspect Teeters to the north-east corner of Ardmore Avenue and Maple Street where she put her hand on Suspect Teeters left arm in an attempt to make contact with her and explain to Suspect Teeters that she was there to help. Suspect Teeters pulled away from her grasp and turned to face her, while shouting profane remarks. Suspect Teeters turned northbound and began walking north on the east sidewalk of Ardmore Avenue. After a few steps Deputy [redacted] again tried to grab Suspect Teeters' arm and stop her from walking away. Deputy [redacted] stated that she felt the tension and strength in Suspect Teeters' arm as the suspect pulled away from her grasp and turned towards Deputy [redacted] once again. Suspect Teeters stepped onto the grassy yard area of [redacted] Ardmore Street and removed her shoes from her feet and

dropped them on the ground.


IAB NOTE: Deputy [redacted] indicated in her written report (Exhibit A) that the suspect was coming at her with the shoes in her hand. Deputy [redacted] indicated that her memory of the incident is that Suspect Teeters held the shoes in her hand for a longer period of time. During the interview Deputy [redacted] said:

She took off her shoes and I see in the video that she threw the shoes down on the ground and for some reason, even right now, I remember her, I thought she had the shoes in her hand and I thought that she was going to use them as a weapon. Obviously she took them right off and set them on the ground. I don't know if I was thinking that, that was just an aggressive gesture, like now I'm ready, but for some reason I was thinking and I indicate in my repot, I thought she was coming at me with her shoes (Page 19).

Deputy [redacted] said her state of mind was that this action was a sign of aggression and that Suspect Teeters was indicating that she was ready to fight. Deputy [redacted] indicated that she kept her distance from the Suspect and requested a back-up unit code-3 (Exhibit E).

Deputy [redacted] stated she was afraid that Suspect Teeter's may walk into traffic and possibly get hurt. In Deputy [redacted] opinion, Suspect Teeters was a danger to herself and/or others. Based on the aggression and hostility Suspect Teeters was displaying to a law enforcement officer, Deputy [redacted] was afraid of what Suspect Teeters may do or how she may act with the public. Suspect Teeters was walking towards a "Circle K" where a high volume of the public conduct business.

IAB NOTE: Just north of the incident location, approximately 40 feet, is a corner shopping center with a Circle K store and a Laundry-mat. This shopping center is on the southeast corner of Ardmore Avenue and Flower Street. Flower Street is a main street with heavy traffic.

Deputy [redacted] felt compelled to stop Suspect Teeters. Deputy [redacted] said "she's (Suspect Teeters) ready to fight anyone that comes in her path... she's extremely agitated" (Page 20-21). Suspect Teeters wouldn't stop talking, she was screaming for no reason, which was another indication to Deputy [redacted] that Suspect Teeters was

5150. As Suspect Teeters again began walking northbound, Deputy [redacted] checked via her radio to see if her code-3 back-up request was heard (Exhibit E).

Deputy [redacted] said that she was now giving the suspect verbal commands to stop and place her hands behind her back. Deputy [redacted] was trying to wait for back-up to arrive before escalating to a higher level of force. Deputy [redacted] indicated that while walking Suspect Teeters kept turning her head toward her, telling Deputy [redacted] to "stay away from me bitch... it's on now bitch... get away from me bitch (Page 21).

Deputy [redacted] indicated that when they arrived at the third driveway ([redacted] Ardmore Avenue), Suspect Teeters stopped and turned to face Deputy [redacted] Suspect Teeters took an exaggerated fighting stance, which Deputy [redacted] described as, "left foot in front of the right. Knees bent a little bit... her neck down a little bit, both hands up" (Page 22). Deputy [redacted] used her pepper spray ("Freeze Plus P") and sprayed Suspect Teeters, from approximately 3-4 feet away, in the eyes and nose. Deputy [redacted] saw this had no effect on Suspect Teeters and she sprayed a second burst from the same distance, again hitting Suspect Teeters in the eyes and nose. Deputy [redacted] said Suspect Teeters "didn't even turn her head away from me or anything" (Page 24).

IAB NOTE: During the IAB interview a check of Deputy [redacted] canister of Freeze Plus P indicated that the can was approximately ¾ full. The expiration date on the bottom of the canister read "06/07" (Page 23-24)

Deputy [redacted] stated that when Suspect Teeters turned and took a fighting stance, she could no longer wait for assisting units. Deputy [redacted] said, "Basically it was, I had no other choice but to try and stop her myself. She was coming directly at me. There was really nothing else for me to do and that's why I tried the pepper spray" (Page 24).

Deputy [redacted] said that after deploying her pepper spray into Suspect Teeters' face, Suspect Teeters stayed facing her and said, "now it's on bitch" (Page 24). Suspect Teeters then lunged toward Deputy [redacted] punching out with her left fist. Deputy [redacted] dodged Suspect Teeters punch and grabbed her left arm. Deputy [redacted] then used her left leg to kick Suspect Teeters just below the knees, sweeping Suspect Teeters' legs out from under her. As Suspect Teeters fell to the ground, Deputy [redacted] was still holding onto the suspect's left arm and she fell with Suspect Teeters, landing on top of Suspect Teeters. Suspect Teeters was lying on her stomach and Deputy [redacted] was on her back.

Deputy [redacted] said she gave Suspect Teeters verbal commands to put her hands behind her back. Suspect Teeters told her "You better get off me bitch" (Page 27). Suspect Teeters was flailing her right arm and Deputy [redacted] felt Suspect Teeters trying to get up. Deputy [redacted] used her body weight to hold Suspect Teeters down.

Deputy [redacted] said she was able to use her left side as well as her left arm to hold and

control Suspect Teeters' left arm. They struggled and Deputy [redacted] tried to gain control of the suspect's right arm. Deputy [redacted] still held her pepper spray in her right hand. Suspect Teeters looked back over her right shoulder and began reaching her right arm up and over her right shoulder, trying to reach Deputy [redacted] pepper spray canister. In order to keep the suspect from getting her pepper spray and use it against her, Deputy [redacted] said she threw her pepper spray away from them, into the street.

During the struggle Deputy [redacted] could not gain control of Suspect Teeters' right arm. In an effort to get Suspect Teeters to stop fighting and comply, she used her right fist to strike Suspect Teeters twice in the upper back just below the shoulder blades. Deputy [redacted] stated that her objective was to stun the suspect enough to make her stop her assaultive actions and give up her right arm. The strikes had no effect on Suspect Teeters. During this time Deputy [redacted] continued to give verbal commands to Suspect Teeters, telling her to put her arm behind her back and stop fighting. Suspect Teeters began reaching behind her back with her right arm by moving her right arm behind her lower back and waist area trying to get to Deputy [redacted] gun-belt area. Deputy [redacted] realized she would not be able to handcuff Suspect Teeters alone. Deputy [redacted] objective at this point was to keep Suspect Teeters on the ground, maintain control of Suspect Teeters' left arm and keep Suspect Teeters' right hand away from her weapon, until assistance arrived.

Deputy [redacted] said she felt as if she had good control of Suspect Teeters' left arm but she didn't know how much longer she could hold Suspect Teeters down. Deputy [redacted] said, she "...was tired and I was doing all that I could to just keep her where she was, because at least I had her on the ground and then just watching her right arm" (Page 32). Deputy [redacted] said she started hearing sirens and knew her assistance was getting closer.

Deputy [redacted] said she saw Deputy Barlow running northbound towards her. When Deputy Barlow arrived at her location he immediately screamed "stop fighting, stop fighting" (Page 39). Suspect Teeters continued to struggle, flailing her right arm and Deputy Barlow went to the suspect's left side. Deputy Barlow struck the suspect 2-3 times in the left side of the face. Deputy [redacted] said "I believe it was on the left side of her face. It would have to be, because her face was facing eastbound. So he punched her two to three times on the left side of her face, which is the side that was exposed" (Page 34). Deputy [redacted] remembers Suspect Teeters' head being on the ground when Deputy Barlow struck her. Deputy Barlow paused briefly and it looked to her like Deputy Barlow could tell that Suspect Teeters had not given up.

Deputy [redacted] said she thought they were going to start handcuffing. While maintaining control of Suspect Teeters' left arm, Deputy [redacted] started to lift her body off of Suspect Teeters. As Deputy [redacted] was taking her weight off, Suspect Teeters attempted to roll her body, shifting her weight to the right side of her body, causing Suspect Teeters' left torso area to lift up. As Suspect Teeters was trying to get up Deputy Barlow struck Suspect Teeters 2-3 times on the left side of the chest. Suspect Teeters turned back onto her stomach and said something to the effect of "okay" (Page 35) and placed her

hands behind her back for handcuffing. Deputy [redacted] remembered Deputy Salazar coming to her right and Deputy Salazar assisted with handcuffing. Deputy [redacted] did not notice any sign of injury to Suspect Teeters until she was lifted off of the ground by deputies. When Suspect Teeters was lifted off the ground, Deputy [redacted] noticed blood on the ground and she saw blood and swelling around the suspect's right eye.

Deputy [redacted] stated her reason for using force:

I used the force based on the suspect's behavior and the fact that she turned around and got a fighting stance with me. I felt, actually I felt scared that the lady was going to fight me. I don't know her capabilities. I had already felt her pull, pull my arms away from her. I already knew she was pretty strong and I didn't know what she was capable of (Page 40).

Deputy [redacted] said that after the altercation she was winded and the O.C. spray was starting to affect her from the close contact with the suspect. Deputy [redacted] stated that after the incident her "knees were a little banged up. I had minor, minor, minor abrasions on my knees. A little bit of pain, a little bit of bruising. My left shoulder was in a little bit of pain right after the incident. Other than that, I had a few scratches on my knuckles" (Page 38).

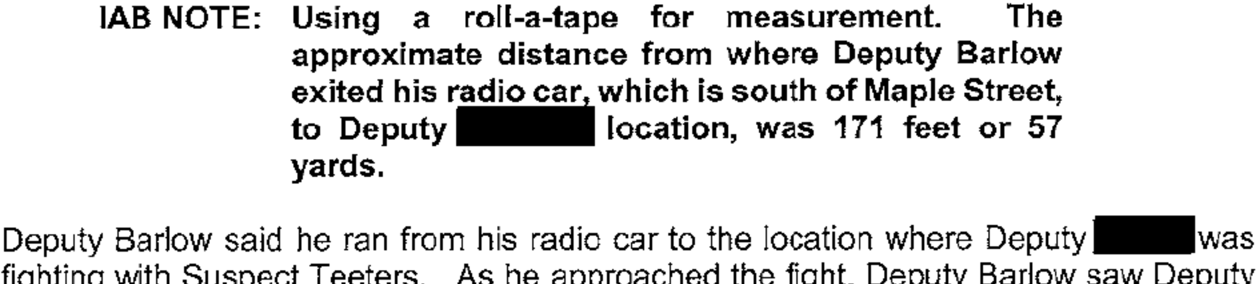
Deputy [redacted] statements to IAB were consistent with her written report (Exhibit A). For more information, see IAB's interview transcription, included in this investigative package.

Witness Deputy **Michael Barlow,** was interviewed on 12-12-08, at the Bellflower Service Center regarding the use of force, which took place on December 11, 2008. The following constitutes a summary of the interview. Deputy Barlow's verbatim interview is included in this investigation.

Deputy Barlow stated that he was working unit 133, Bellflower patrol. Deputy Barlow is a Field Training Officer and his partner [redacted] was Witness Deputy Cesar Landeros. On this day, Deputy Barlow was the passenger deputy and Deputy Landeros was driving.

While on patrol, Deputy Barlow heard a radio broadcast of a back-up request at Ardmore Avenue and Maple Street in the city of Bellflower. As Deputy Barlow was responding to the location the call was upgraded to a deputy involved in a fight. He responded code-3 to the location and arrived within one to two minutes.

Deputy Barlow said that when he arrived at the location, he observed a vacant, parked, radio car, but he did not see Deputy [redacted] in the area. Deputy Barlow began looking for Deputy [redacted] and he saw her approximately 30 yards north of Maple Street on Ardmore Avenue, on the ground fighting with a suspect.


IAB NOTE: Using a roll-a-tape for measurement. The approximate distance from where Deputy Barlow exited his radio car, which is south of Maple Street, to Deputy [redacted] location, was 171 feet or 57 yards.

Deputy Barlow said he ran from his radio car to the location where Deputy [redacted] was fighting with Suspect Teeters. As he approached the fight, Deputy Barlow saw Deputy [redacted] around the lower torso area of Suspect Teeters, trying to control her. Deputy Barlow heard Deputy [redacted] tell Suspect Teeters to stop fighting. When Deputy Barlow got to the location of the fight he yelled to the suspect to stop fighting.

Deputy Barlow said he saw Suspect Teeters' left hand in the vicinity of Deputy [redacted] gun-belt and he feared that the suspect may try to disarm Deputy [redacted] Suspect Teeters' hand was in the "mid-torso area of Deputy [redacted] and her hand was very close to Deputy [redacted] weapon" (Page 2). At some point the suspect's hand was actually on Deputy [redacted] body. Deputy Barlow was not able to determine the exact position of the suspect's hand because they were constantly moving. Deputy Barlow indicated that as he arrived to the location Deputy [redacted] and Suspect Teeters were moving around and their positioning was "not a static position" (Page 10). His concern was that the suspect's right hand was free. Deputy Barlow saw Suspect Teeters punching upwards towards Deputy [redacted] with her right hand. He said that it was his interpretation that Suspect Teeters was attempting to strike Deputy [redacted]

Deputy Barlow got down next to the suspect and using his right fist he struck the suspect in the face approximately four times in rapid succession. Deputy Barlow indicated that during this time he was giving Suspect Teeters verbal commands to stop fighting. Deputy Barlow said his objective in striking the suspect was to stop the fight and prevent the suspect from getting a hold of Deputy [redacted] weapon. Deputy Barlow was unable to remember exactly which part of the suspect's face he struck, but his initial strikes to the face seemed to have no affect on the suspect. Deputy Barlow struck the suspect in the torso area four times in rapid succession. Deputy Barlow was not able to pinpoint the exact area in which he struck the suspect's torso and stated he "would imagine the rib, chest cavity area." (Page 6). Deputy Barlow said that within seconds after striking the suspect in the torso the suspect made a comment "to the effect of, 'Okay I quit.' or 'Yeah, I'll stop.' or something like that" (Page 6). After the suspect stopped fighting, Deputies Landeros and Salazar arrived and handcuffed Suspect Teeters without any further resistance or force.

Deputy Barlow stated as Suspect Teeters was being handcuffed he noticed blood starting to pool on the ground below her head. He does not know what caused the injury, but said the injury may have been caused by him "striking her and her head hitting the ground or her head being on the ground when I struck her" (Page 8).

Deputy Barlow stated that at the time of his arrival, he did not feel he had other force

options and none came to mind. He stated that his "objective was to end the fight and to ensure that my partner was safe and that the suspect was taken into custody with as little force as necessary" (Page 8).

Deputy Barlow indicated that the reason he did not try to immediately control Suspect Teeters' free hand was because his "objective was to stun and or disorient the suspect from whatever it was that she was attempting to do..." (Page 14). Deputy Barlow stated that Deputy [redacted] is smart and "she's a good deputy" (Page 14). He indicated that he believes "that she (Deputy [redacted] was trying to control her weapon."

Deputy Barlow estimated that from the time of his arrival to the time the suspect was taken into custody was approximately one minute. After the altercation Deputy Barlow observed a "nick" on Deputy [redacted] finger, what appeared to be some swelling and redness on her cheek, her uniform was somewhat disheveled and she was "shaken up" (Page 14-15).

Deputy Barlow wrote a supplemental report (Exhibit A) regarding his actions and observations in this incident. In his Supplemental report Deputy Barlow referred to the suspect as a male. Deputy Barlow stated, "I thought I was fighting with a man. Every indication that I had as I was running up and during this ordeal, I believed it was a man and through the use or through the handcuffing process, I continued to believe it was a man..." (Page 15).

Deputy Barlow's statements to IAB were consistent with his written report. For more information, see IAB's interview transcription, included in this investigative package.

Witness Deputy **Cesar Landeros** was interviewed on 12/23/08, at the Internal Affairs Bureau office regarding the use of force, which took place on December 11, 2008. The following constitutes a summary of the interview. Deputy Landeros' verbatim interview is included in this investigation.

Deputy Landeros said, while working Bellflower Patrol with his partner and training officer Deputy Barlow, he responded to a broadcast of a deputy involved in a fight at Ardmore Avenue and Maple Street. Deputy Landeros was driving the patrol car and he responded to the location northbound on Ardmore Avenue. When they arrived, he saw Deputy [redacted] empty patrol car at the corner of Ardmore Avenue and Maple Street. Deputy Landeros indicated that he looked around and saw Deputy [redacted] about 100 feet north of her radio car struggling with Suspect Teeters.

Deputy Landeros said when they first arrived at the location Deputy Barlow exited the radio car and they both began looking for Deputy [redacted] Deputy Landeros believes that as they were both looking for Deputy [redacted] he and Deputy Barlow saw Deputy [redacted] at about the same time. Deputy Barlow was outside the car and he started running to Deputy [redacted] location. Deputy Landeros was still seated in the driver's seat, so he drove to the proximity of Deputy [redacted] and Suspect Teeters.

Deputy Landeros said when he drove the radio car to the location of the fight he stopped approximately one car length south of where Deputy [redacted] and Suspect Teeters were struggling. Deputy Landeros exited his patrol car and ran to their location. As he was running, Deputy Landeros saw Suspect Teeters lying face down on the ground with her left hand on Deputy [redacted] gun-belt area and her right hand free.

Deputy Landeros said when he arrived at the location Deputy Barlow was already there and was somewhere around the left side of Suspect Teeters' head. Deputies [redacted] and Barlow were both on the suspect's left side as the suspect lay face down on the ground. Deputy Landeros went to Suspect Teeters' right side and using only a firm grip he brought Suspect Teeters' right hand to the middle of her back. Deputy Landeros and Deputy Salazar handcuffed Suspect Teeters without resistance.

Deputy Landeros indicated that he saw blood drip to the ground as he helped Suspect Teeters to her feet. Deputy Landeros did not see Deputies Barlow or [redacted] use any force and he does not know how the injury to Suspect Teeters occurred. Deputy Landeros observed Deputy [redacted] and "saw a little bit of redness in her face and she kept on sneezing."

Deputy Landeros said when he first arrived, he was not aware if the suspect was a male or female due to the suspect's build. The suspect had wide shoulders and did not look feminine.

Deputy Landeros stated Deputy Barlow arrived to Deputy [redacted] location before he did. In the surveillance camera footage (Exhibit D) it clearly shows Deputy Landeros in the radio car accelerating past a running Deputy Barlow. Deputy Landeros was given an opportunity to view the video during his interview. After viewing the video Deputy Landeros stated that he may have passed Deputy Barlow but Deputy Barlow made it to Deputy [redacted] location before he did. Deputy Landeros indicated that "by the time I put my car in park and I was exiting, taking off my seatbelt and getting up, Deputy Barlow was already there..." (Page 20). Deputy Landeros indicated that he tried to exit the patrol car before removing his seatbelt, which pulled him back. Deputy Landeros realized the seatbelt had not been released and he pushed the release button. He could not remember if the seatbelt caught on any of his equipment, but said that it sometimes does catch on his magazine pouch or weapon.

Deputy Landeros added that he is on [redacted] and he had just started driving in a patrol function one week before this incident. Deputy Landeros indicated that he has a lack of experience in driving to emergent calls, as this was his first time responding to a deputy involved in a fight call.

Deputy Landeros' statements to IAB were consistent with his written report (Exhibit A). For more information, see IAB's interview transcription, included in this investigative package.

Witness Deputy **Yvette Salazar** conducted a telephone interview on 12/23/08, regarding the use of force, which took place on December 11, 2008. The following constitutes a summary of the interview. Deputy Salazar's verbatim interview is included in this investigation.

Deputy Salazar said she was working Bellflower patrol when she heard SCC broadcast a call of a deputy involved in a fight. Deputy Salazar responded to the location northbound on Ardmore Avenue behind Deputies Barlow and Landeros. Deputy Salazar saw Deputy Barlow exit the passenger side of the radio car and start running northbound on Ardmore Avenue. Deputy Salazar exited her patrol vehicle and started running behind Deputy Barlow. Deputy Salazar said it wasn't until she had already exited her patrol car and started running, that she realized she was about half a block from the deputy involved fight.

Deputy Salazar said as she was running she saw Deputy [redacted] on top of Suspect Teeters and they were struggling on the ground. Deputy Salazar saw Deputy Barlow arrive to where the two were fighting and she heard him yell, "stop fighting." Deputy Salazar said it looked like the suspect's right hand was reaching for Deputy [redacted] gun-belt area and the suspect was still fighting. Deputy Salazar saw Deputy Barlow get down on the ground next to Deputy [redacted] and strike the suspect with his right fist, in the face 2-3 times. Deputy Salazar saw Deputy Barlow strike the suspect in the torso area 2-3 times.

Deputy Salazar said that when she arrived at the fight, Suspect Teeters was face down and had her arms to her side. Deputy Salazar assisted with handcuffing with no resistance.

Deputy Salazar's statements to IAB were consistent with her written report (Exhibit A). For more information, see IAB's interview transcription, included in this investigative package.

SUSPECT STATEMENT:

While at the scene Sergeant John Trani conducted a video-taped interview of Suspect Teeters (Exhibit F). Suspect Teeters stated that a female deputy has been stalking her and today that female deputy viciously attacked her. This female works as a Deputy Sheriff during the day and as a Downey Police Officer at night. This female deputy also wanted to steal the suspect's car in order to declare a victory for herself and those that she represents.

Suspect Teeters stated that the female deputy was not in her right mind. The female deputy became agitated and started jumping around. The female deputy then sprayed Suspect Teeters and attacked her.

Lieutenant Robert Wheat responded to Bellflower Kaiser Permanente Hospital and

attempted to conduct a video-taped interview of Suspect Teeters. Suspect Teeters was belligerent and cussing at hospital staff. Suspect Teeters would not directly answer Lt. Wheat's questions and her responses were, "go fuck yourself... go to hell." She talked over Lt. Wheat, was profane and uncooperative.

VIDEO TAPE REVIEW: Exhibit E
A review of the video tape from the surveillance camera, located at [redacted] Ardmore Avenue, shows Deputy [redacted] stopping her radio car on Ardmore Avenue just south of Maple Street. Deputy [redacted] can be seen exiting her radio car and approaching Suspect Teeters near the front, driver side door of Suspect Teeters' car. A few seconds after Deputy [redacted] approaches Suspect Teeters, Deputy [redacted] steps several feet away from Suspect Teeters.

Suspect Teeters begins to walk northeast across Ardmore Avenue with Deputy [redacted] following. Suspect Teeters walks northbound across Maple Street and can be seen looking over her shoulder in the direction of Deputy [redacted] When they reach the northeast sidewalk of Ardmore Avenue and Maple Street, Deputy [redacted] closes the distance and reaches out with her left hand grabbing at Suspect Teeters left arm. Suspect Teeters is seen pulling her left arm away from Deputy [redacted] and raising her right arm as she turns south to face Deputy [redacted] Suspect Teeters faces Deputy [redacted] in an aggressive manner, moves her left arm behind her back and turns northbound walking along the east sidewalk with Deputy [redacted] following.

Suspect Teeters walks several more feet when Deputy [redacted] closes the distance to the suspect. Deputy [redacted] grabs Suspect Teeters' left arm using both hands to try and control Suspect Teeters. Suspect Teeters turns toward Deputy [redacted] and there is a brief struggle as Suspect Teeters uses both hands to free herself from Deputy [redacted] grasp. Suspect Teeters steps onto the front lawn of [redacted] Ardmore Avenue and puts both of her hands up in a defensive or fighting stance. Suspect Teeters then takes off her shoes and drops them on the grass. Deputy [redacted] steps back and it appears that she removes something from her gun-belt, possibly her OC Spray.

Suspect Teeters again starts walking northbound on Ardmore Avenue and Deputy [redacted] follows, reaches out with her left hand and attempts to grab Suspect Teeters' left arm. Suspect Teeters turns south, pulling away from Deputy [redacted] grasp, and then continues walking northbound. Deputy [redacted] appears to use her hand held radio and the two walk north out of the camera's view.

Approximately 1 minute 15 seconds later a radio car traveling northbound on Ardmore Avenue comes into view. The radio car stops south of Maple Street, adjacent to Deputy [redacted] radio car. The passenger door opens and then the radio car accelerates northbound on Ardmore Avenue. Approximately 1 second after the radio car accelerates Deputy Barlow comes into the camera's view as he is running northbound on the east sidewalk. A few seconds later Deputy Salazar is seen running northbound. Throughout the remainder of the video footage, other deputy and fire personnel arrive.